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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER ON UNESCO MASS MEDIA DRAFT

REF: (A) STATE 257992, (B) SAN SALVADOR 4934

1. I MET FOREIGN MINISTER BORGONOVO ON OCTOBER 25 AT A UN DAY RECEPTION AND CONVERSATION TURNED TO THE UNESCO DRAFT RESOLUTION ON MASS MEDIA (I HAD MADE REFERENCE TO THE ISSUE IN AN OCTOBER 21 SPEECH AT A LOCAL ROTARY CLUB DINNER)

2. BORGONOVO SAID THAT HE HAD ONLY TAKEN A "SUPERFICIAL" LOOK AT THE DRAFT RESOLUTION, BUT THAT HE "CAN SEE CERTAIN ADVANTAGES TO PARTS OF IT".

3. I ASKED HIM IF HE DIDN'T AGREE THAT SINCE THE GOES, AND PROBABLY OTHERS, HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO DO MORE THAN A SUPERFICIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DRAFT, IT WOULD BE BETTER TO DELAY ACTION UNTIL EVERYONE HAD OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY THE QUESTIONS RAISED FULLY. HE REPLIED THAT "IF THE PROPOSAL IS APPROVED IN NAIROBI, THEN WE CAN TAKE A SERIOUS LOOK AT IT"

4. I SUGGESTED THAT IF THE GOES VOTES FOR THE PRESENT DRAFT RESOLUTION, IT WOULD NARROW THE GOVERNMENT'S OPTIONS IN LATER DISCUSSIONS TO FORM AN OFFICIAL CENTRAL AMERICAN PRESS

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SERVICE, SINCE RETREAT FROM THE POSITION SUCH A VOTE

REPRESENTS, ESPECIALLY UNDER GREAT PRESSURE FROM ITS
NEIGHBORS, WOULD BE DIFFICULT. THE MINISTER
ALLOWED THAT THIS WAS A VALID POINT, AND PROMISED HE WOULD
TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT THE ISSUE IMMEDIATELY.
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